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Leslie A. Winners, Chairman
National Coin Week 1983
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March 25, 1983

Leslie A. Winners, Chairman
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Hello there, Les:

Time do fly, as they say, and I do feel bad about not writing sooner.

Anyway, it was a wonderful convention, and we certainly enjoyed meeting you at last. I think we left something "hanging," but I can't remember what.

We're having a slight problem getting our act together for NCW, but here goes. The problem, really, is that the town of Strasburg is launching a celebration of its 250th anniversary (somebody built a house here in 1733!), half the damn town has just been placed on the National Register of Historic Things, and the local firemen are planning some enormous convention, most of which will occur within 100 yards of our back door. We're involved in all of this — and, I swear, going broke and bonkers at the same time.

What was that about NCW? Oh, yes: We'll kick off NCW with some sort of "Coin Night at The Easy Eater" on Monday, April 18th. I don't have this all nailed down, but, basically, we're going to try to hold an informal gathering of people who would simply like to know more about coin collecting as a hobby; not those who already are active in the hobby, just those who would like to know more about it. At least one outside exhibit is promised, and I'll put together some kind of exhibit of "Interesting Things in Numismatics." I'll give a short lecture on my own involvement in numismatics. Also, I have a wonderful great-great-grandfather (23 times!) lined up to talk about his lifetime in the hobby. And, third, a youngish local dealer will be on hand to discuss various ways in which people collect coins. We will serve tea and cookies (well, you know) and turn on some very subtle pressure for membership in the Red Rose Coin Club and in the ANA.

That ain't all.

After much anguish, I finally placed an order for a wooden nickel. The anguish was over figuring out what the nickel would represent. One side will honor Strasburg's 250th anniversary, while the other side offers 25 cents in trade at The Easy Eater. These will be distributed through a deal with the local pharmacy and a local grocery store, and will be run on a continuing basis throughout the year. While not targeted specifically at NCW (you can see my dilemma), we will at least be introducing the program right at the start of NCW. I think/hope it will be a big hit.

Meanwhile, lookie, lookie at the very pretty placemat I found. What could be better? It's a natural item. Incidentally, the placemat is a stock item, available, I imagine, through any restaurant supply company. The problem, of course, is that zillions of placemats are on the market, and you normally can't buy them in quantities of much less than 500 or 1,000. We have plenty, however, and if you would like to distribute some to other NCW/ANA people, I'd sure be glad to send a bunch.

Back to the "program." Following "Coin Night," we will promote NCW with the NCW pins, the placemat, and so forth. Maybe a continuing exhibit, although security seems to be a problem for us. I'd also like to encourage people to bring in their "mystery" coins for identification and evaluation, but I'm not sure how I'm going to arrange this.

And, finally, we will hold a nice little public auction right in the restaurant on Monday night, April 25th. This will be our own official "Coin Week Auction." This is strictly commercial, of course, but I think it will be pretty decent because of the other activities the week before.

How does this sound?